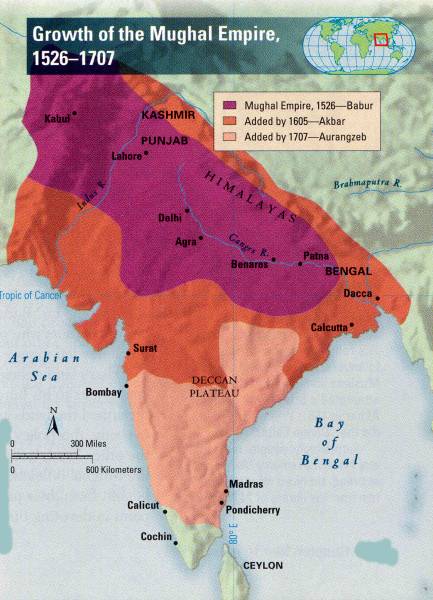
Rulers of the Mughal Empire

Akbar’s rule is known as the Mughal Empire’s *golden age*. He ascended the Mughal throne at the tender age of 14. Akbar used military and political tactics to unite most of India under his empire. The territories conquered during Akbar’s regime were granted religious freedom *and* tolerance. As a Muslim ruler Akbar allowed his Hindu subject the continue practicing their religious traditions (at the time such events were unheard of).

Akbar the Great

Under Akbar:

* All who were qualified regardless of ethnicity could rise in government ranks.
* The jizya & a tax on Hindus were both abolished.
* A tax system based on income was created
* Cultural diffusion
* Hindu literature was revived

For his feats Akbar was nicknamed *Akbar the Great.*

Key terms

Golden age-a period of time full of peace & growth in both the arts and sciences

Jizya-a tax on the non-Muslims